

United States Mint Announces 2016 First Spouse Gold Coin Designs

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WASHINGTON – The United States Mint today officially announced the new designs for the Patricia Nixon and Betty Ford First Spouse Gold Coins that will be released this year. Information about the designs is below.

Patricia Nixon First Spouse Gold Coin

The reverse (tails side) design features stylized figures standing hand-in-hand surrounding a globe, symbolizing Mrs. Nixon's commitment to volunteerism around the world.

- Obverse Designer: United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program (AIP) Designer Richard Masters
- Obverse Sculptor: United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Don Everhart
- Reverse Designer: AIP Designer Richard Masters
- Reverse Sculptor: United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Jim Licaretz

Betty Ford First Spouse Gold Coin

The reverse design features a young woman ascending a staircase, representing Mrs. Ford's openness and advocacy regarding addiction, breast cancer awareness, and the rights of women.

- Obverse Designer: AIP Designer Barbara Fox
- Obverse Sculptor: United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Michael Gaudio
- Reverse Designer: AIP Designer Chris Costello
- Reverse Sculptor: United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Renata Gordon

The obverse (heads side) of each coin is inscribed with the first spouse's name, her order and years of service as first spouse, the year of minting or issuance, "IN GOD WE TRUST," and "LIBERTY." Each coin's reverse (tails side) features a unique design emblematic of that spouse's life and work and the inscriptions "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," "\$10," "1/2 OZ.," and ".9999 FINE GOLD."

Specific release dates will be posted, when available, to the United States Mint's product schedule at <https://catalog.usmint.gov/product-schedule/>.

Launched in 2007, the First Spouse Gold Coin Program features coins with dramatic portraits of the first spouses on their obverses and a unique reverse (tails) design featuring an image emblematic of that spouse's life and work.

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